

EVALUATING EU MEMBER STATES' ACTION AGAINST CORRUPTION

THE EU ANTI-CORRUPTION REPORT

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WHAT IS NEW?

- *EU anti-corruption reporting mechanism (first of its kind) entirely managed by COM to be published every two years, starting mid-2013;*
- *Stronger focus on enforcement and end-results (evaluation mechanism v. legislative solution);*
- *Acknowledgement of need to address insufficient political commitment.*

EU ANTI-CORRUPTION REPORT – WHY DIFFERENT?

- *laws and institutions largely in place – need to see how can they actually work;*
- *look at the impact (end of the process) – no ticking of boxes;*
- *no one-size-fits-all solution to country-specific problems;*
- *selective v. comprehensive;*
- *streamline information/assessments already available and fill in the gaps;*
- *COM in lead (no peer-review);*
- *grounds for future EU action (policies/legislation/financing).*

HOW WILL THE EU ANTI-CORRUPTION REPORT WORK?

- *Wide definition of corruption* ('abuse of power for private gain');
- *Use of all available sources:* monitoring mechanisms (GRECO, OECD, UNCAC), independent experts/researchers, civil society, specialised networks (e.g. EACN), EU institutions, services and agencies (including OLAF, Europol, Eurojust), COM studies, Eurobarometer;
- *No additional administrative burden* on EUMS;
- *Structure: thematic section* (relevance at EU level; case studies, good practices, recommendations), *country analyses* (selected matters that stand out: good practices, weaknesses, vulnerabilities, tailor-made recommendations).

PREPARING THE FIRST EU ANTI-CORRUPTION REPORT

- ***Expert group to advise COM on: methodology/approach, benchmarks/standards, new EU measures:***
 - **17 experts** selected through an open call who **act in personal capacity**.
 - **wide variety of backgrounds** (public/private, law enforcement, judiciary, prevention, international organisations, NGOs, academia).
- ***Network of local research correspondents to help COM identify **most outstanding country-specific problematic issues/good practices** + collect relevant information/data & conduct analyses/research:***
 - **one correspondent/EUMS** from among civil society/researchers/academia;
- ***Regional workshops – consultations with stakeholders;***
- ***Ongoing studies supported by COM*** (e.g. corruption in public procurement affecting EU funds, protection of whistleblowers, corruption in healthcare, European National Integrity Systems – TI).

Questions?

THANK YOU!